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Remarks

This Reply after is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed February 1, 2011. Claims 24-45 were pending with Claims 24 and 43-45 rejected, Claims 29-33 allowed and Claims 25-28 and 34-42 withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 24 and 43-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by PCT Patent Application Publication No. WO 01/31816 ("Srinivasan").

Although Applicant traverses the rejections of Claims 24 and 43-45, Applicant has canceled all the rejected and withdrawn claims without prejudice and reserve the right to pursue some or all of their subject matter in one or more continuing patent applications.

Claims 29-33 are the only remaining pending claims. Claims 29-33 were found allowable. Accordingly, Applicant kindly requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the present claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

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It is believed that a one-month extension of time and corresponding fee are required and are petitioned for in the documents being filed herewith. It is not believed that any fees for net addition of claims are required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required (including fees for net addition of claims) is also hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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